





THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRACY.

A Quarrel Over the Philadelphia Delegation Compels an Adjustment.

The Democratic State Convention met at Liberty Hall, Philadelphia, yesterday.

The proceedings opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. J. J. McKim, a member of the Presbyterian Assembly.

The day was spent with a very progress further than a temporary organization, and the convention adjourned at 8:30 m. o'clock this morning.

The day has been owing to the difficulty experienced by the Committee on Contested Seats in determining which of the Philadelphia delegations shall be admitted. Up to the time of adjournment no report had been agreed upon.

It is probable that two reports from the committee will carry the fight into the open convention. It is believed that the majority will report against what is known as the "Returning Board" delegation, and if such a report is adopted it will be tantamount to the defeat of Senator Wallace by Speaker Randall.

The Committee on Organization will report ex-Senator Buckley for permanent Chairman. He is satisfactory to both the contending factions. The Committee on Resolutions agreed on a platform without difficulty, and it is given out as follows:

1. No further contraction of the volume of the currency; legal-tenders received by the Government to be retained.

2. Gold, silver and legal-tender notes at par for the basis of the currency.

3. The contraction of the National Banks with the National Government, tends to monopoly and centralization; but in changing the system capital invested should be protected, and the security of note-holders should be preserved.

4. Treasury notes issued in exchange for bonds, and bearing a low rate of interest, constitute the best form of credit the Government can give to currency.

5. Labor and capital have equal duties and responsibilities before the law; violence in support of the right of either rights of either must be promptly suppressed.

6. Inducement to a protective tariff, and charges thereon, which are levied upon the industry and labor of Pennsylvania.

7. Funds in elections, and the electoral franchise, ought to be investigated in order to expose the frauds and punish the criminals; but no attack on the Presidential title should be encouraged.

8. The Republicans are charged with corrupting the legislation of the nation and State, and especially in Pennsylvania with neglecting to enforce the reforms of the new constitution by refusing to pass laws prohibiting the discrimination in freight charges and facilities, and also for their refusal to pass a free price law.

—The officers and members of Post No. 73, G. A. R., are very desirous that all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors in our vicinity shall participate in the ceremonies of Decoration Day, Thursday next.

None of the comrades of the gallant dead should neglect to join in this solemn duty. We append the General Orders of the Department Headquarters relative to the occasion:

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, No. 1205 GILBERT ST., PHILADELPHIA, MAY 10, 1878.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5.

1. In compliance with Rules and Regulations and General Order No. 10 from National Headquarters, and in accordance with our custom, Thursday, May 23rd, will be observed as Decoration Day, when we shall, by the graves of our comrades, to strew them with the fragrant flowers of spring, and plant above them our country's flag.

2. The official custom inaugurated by the Grand Army ten years ago has become national in its observance, and may we hope that it will be continued for ages to come, incalculable to the nation, and a source of pride and pleasure to all patriotic hearts. May the day ever be a hallowed one with the American people, and may the commemoration of heroic and loyal deeds.

3. Comrades, as we reverently gather around the lowly mounds, let us be reminded of the brave men, who, by their blood and suffering, secured for those who follow them, the freedom and peace of this country. Let us be reminded of the brave men, who, by their blood and suffering, secured for those who follow them, the freedom and peace of this country.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20, 1878.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—Washington at this season of the year is undoubtedly the prettiest city in the United States, which is as it should be, for it is the Capital of a nation is a discredit to it, where shall we look for creditable things.

There was a great outcry made against the Board of Public Works and "Boss" Shepherd for their extravagance and corruption, and there is no doubt but that the complaints were well founded, still it was under their regime that the improvements were begun and partly carried out, which may result in making this city the Paris of America. The broad, roomy avenues, well paved, except where wooden pavements were put down, which is now generally in bad condition, with little parks, I call them, scattered all through the city in many of which fountains are continually playing, produce a very different effect from the interest of Tilden, or any one else, and if any one can tell from the extract just quoted, whether Den Platt is a Democrat, a Republican, or a Nationalist, or a combination of all—a political "what-is-it"—they have deeper discernment than your correspondent, who will write again and tell what he sees and hears.

D. M.

THE ATTORNEY JEFFERSON DAVIS ON A MEMORABLE OCCASION.—That Jeff Davis was partially disgraced in woman's attire when he was arrested near Irwinville, Ga., by Corporal Munger and two privates of the Michigan Cavalry, no one who has examined the evidence has ever doubted. General B. D. Pritchard, who commanded the regiment, has prepared for The Allegan Journal an elaborate account of the pursuit and capture of the Confederate President and his household.

The Corporal who asked Mrs. Davis: "Where are you going?" and received the reply, "With my old mother after some water," describes the episode as a lady's waterproof cloak or dress, and a red and black and white shawl thrown over the head and shoulders. "These were worn over a suit of gray clothes, and the cavalry boys were conspicuously displayed. The prisoners were taken to Savannah, and thence by steamer to Fortress Monroe. General Pritchard then received orders from the War Department to procure the disguise and to proceed to Washington. Accordingly he was to the steamer and asked Mrs. Davis if she had any objections to delivering to him the garments worn by her husband as a disguise, at the time of his capture. He received this promise, and then changed them, and at last he thought I never had an opportunity to donate any clothing to Mrs. Stanton, or if I did, I was sure that my mantle should fall on the shoulders of Mrs. Stanton." Mrs. Davis then delivered to him in person a lady's waterproof cloak or robe, of a dark color trimmed with pearl buttons, which she admitted to be the same worn by her husband at the time of his capture. Captain Dunham procured a black woollen shawl with a border. Mrs. Davis, at first, did not like to give up the shawl, saying she needed it for the children. He then went back to the store and purchased another shawl for her, replacing as she felt relieved to him. These garments were taken to Washington, and delivered to the Secretary of War, and were identified by the three soldiers who arrested Mr. Davis.

PROFESSOR HENRY'S SUCCESSOR.—Professor Spencer Hensley, LL.D., who has been chosen successor of Professor Henry, at Washington, has for many years been the trusted and efficient assistant of the late venerable Professor Henry. He was born in Reading, Pa., February 3, 1828. He was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, where he became Professor of Natural Science in 1848. In 1850 he was appointed Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. He was editor and translator of the "Iconographic Encyclopedia," New York (1851); is author of the various reports on the collection of the Smithsonian Institution, and has published a number of papers on the history of the Smithsonian Institution, and has been a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the New York Lyceum of Natural History, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has been a member of the Smithsonian Institution since its organization, and has been a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the New York Lyceum of Natural History, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

There has been nothing interesting in the proceedings of Congress since I have been here, except the contest over the Potter resolution to investigate the Florida election, and that was interesting only so far as the result was concerned, for the filibustering was very tedious and tiresome, however, successful it







